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State jails

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FILE HEADING.

Reclamation of adult criminals in State Jails

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From

The I. G. of Prisons.

No. 1892/1919-19 of 22/23. 12. 1920

With reference to this office letter no 4. pris 2540 of 2nd August regarding the reclamation of adult criminals of the jails, suggests initiate arrangements and forwards copy letter no 15958 of 26.11.1920 received from the D. G. of Education on the same subject.

The previous reference in question has not yet been traced. Every effort is being made to trace the same.

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I think the reference was made on the observations made in the review on the Annual report of the jails

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3 With reference to his observations of Govt in the letter, the I.G. of Posts had submitted the correspondence between the I.G. of Sonkhin and the Supt of the Chinglepet Informatory.

4 This file is missing and being traced

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5 The deposit receipt was gone through. The papers are not traceable

6 If approved, the I.G. will be requested to forward another copy of the correspondence between him & the I.G. of Sonkhin.

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The papers may have been deposited. Please see the Index to Deposits Bundle

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between him and the G. of Bom
and also a copy of this office letter
No 2510 dt 22nd Aug 1920 may
be forwarded.

From the G. of Bom
No. 484/150-19 dt 29.3.21.
forwards, in original, the file of
previous correspondence between him &
the G. of India regarding the
reclamation of adult criminals in
State Jails
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From the G. of I's letter of 22/23.12.20.
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suitable arrangements for
consultation with the G. of Bombay
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Who has the recommendn
of the Jail Comn on this subject

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Opinion of the Jail Commission regarding reclamation of adult Criminals:-

13) 1. Provision for education should be made in Central & Dist Jails but such education should be restricted for the present to prisoners not over the age of 25 (para 272)

2. The education provided should not go beyond the elementary stage, and should, wherever possible, include a certain amount of manual training para (273)

3. If any prisoner desires to go beyond the elementary stage, he should be furnished with the necessary books & given any assistance available (273).

4. The hours of education should be arranged so as not to interfere with labour (273).

5. Every Central & district Jail should contain a small library of books (both English & vernacular) suitable for issue to prisoners who can read, and lectures for prisoners should, if possible, be provided para (27

6. Suggestions for recreation between Lock-up & sleeping time (para 275).

7. A female prisoner able to read should be allowed to get books from the Jail library, para

14) This question may perhaps be considered along with the question of establishment of a Reform school for State for juvenile offende

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The suggestions of the Jail committee seem reasonable and suitable and may be adopted. Detailed proposals on the lines suggested by the Committee may perhaps be called for.

leave 4/10/21 17 As the question of Reformatory School is not likely to be finally settled soon, it is for consideration whether the recommendations of the Jail Committee regarding education of convicts may not be taken up. The recommendation is only in regard to adult criminals.

Sd 5/10 18 The proposals of the Dy. of Prisons & of Education involve erection of temples, churches & mosques & the employment of religious teachers. The Dy. of Prisons would have some industrial branches opened. Both the proposals involve a fairly large amount of expenditure. It may not therefore be possible to take up the question just now.

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OFFICE OF THE INSPTR.-GENL. OF PRISONS IN MYSORE

No. 1892 Ene 1 / 150-19 DATED BANGALORE, 22/23 December 30 191

FROM

Dr. H. B. Mylvaganam, F.R.C.S., (Eng).

Inspector-General of Prisons in Mysore,

Bangalore.

To

G. Aravamudu Iyengar Esqr., B. A., B. L.,

Secy. to the Govt. of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,

~~General~~ and Revenue Departments.

SIR,

Adverting to your letter No. G. 2510/Pris dated 2nd August 1920 regarding the reclamation of adult criminals in the State Jails and requesting me to suggest suitable arrangements in this connection in consultation with the Inspector-General of Education, I have the honor to report as follows :-

(1) The Inspector-General of Education was consulted in the matter and his views on the subject are embodied in his letter No. 1595 dated 24th November 1920, a copy of which is sent herein enclosed for perusal.

(2) As I have no personal experience on the subject in the past, I feel diffident to express my opinion on the subject or to suggest any brilliant schemes. But from my short experience of the adult criminal population in the Jails under my charge, I am able to say that the "habituals" are an incorrigible class and the only means available to correct them is to make prison life intolerable and irksome. They should be made to do more task-work under strict supervision. To them crime is a hobby. Most of them also find a comfortable home in the Jail and one sees them coming in too often and in quick succession after their discharge. No amount of Thajanas will help to redeem them from their crimes.

(3) Regarding the 2nd type of adult criminals who are styled as casuals (both "lifers" and "termers") and who come to Jail for

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The Inspector-General
of Prisons in Mysore,
Bangalore.

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
~~General and~~ Revenue Departments.

Dated 22-12-20.

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Enclosure No. 24 DEC 19

Subject

Submits, proposals for educating adult prs in the Bangalore Central Jail

for committing serious crimes such as murders etc., at a moment of sudden provocation, there is good scope of moulding their future career. The methods I would suggest are not unknown and we are working in these lines even now. Viz., in providing facilities to learn some kind of trade. And it is with that view that we have opened various branches of industry in the Jail so that when they leave the Jail, they may settle down in their villages to pursue a useful and a quiet life. Facilities for religious instructions are being given now on Sundays. If funds are avialable, a Chapel, a Temple and a Mosque may be provided and Flower Gardens around them may be encouraged to create devotion. But such a proposal is out of the question at present, when we are in need of funds to improve the sanitary condition of the old and dilapidated prisons in our midst.

(4) I may also suggest that an experienced teacher with knowledge in English and the Vernacular and with some personality in him may be appointed; who will prove helpful to create a literary taste in the prisoners. Most of them are illiterate. If they are made to read and write their own mother tongue at least, it will be helpful to them to read religious and other books and to mould their charact

(5) If I am not mistaken, I believe the salvation army have undertakeh this great task in the North of India with the help of the Imperial Government. Their experiment in the past having been successful they wanted to start this onerous work on a large scale. The principle involved in their scheme, was to open out small colonies for farming and sericulture under expert supervision. If some such shheme is adopted here also , we may be sure of some success. But I am no believer in Bhajanas, Temples and Churches as the only means of salvation. The salvation army are the only competent persons who could do this work in a way both pleasant to the criminals and economical to Government.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

T.B. Mythagaran

Offg. Inspector-General of Prisons.

Letter No. D. 2 Dis. 1595/20-21 from the Inspector-General of
ducation in Mysore, Bangalore, to the Inspector-General of Prisc
in Mysore.

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With reference to your letter No. 1164/150-90 dated 4th Augus
920 asking me to suggest suitable arrangements regarding the -
eclamation of adult criminals in the State Jails, I have the hon
o state that the subject of the reclamation of the adult crimina
s one which stands on an entirely different footing from either
uestion of religious and moral instruction in schools or the sub
f the reclamation of youthful criminals in reformatories. Methods
f instructions which might be fairly successful with youthful cr
inals in reformatories like the Chengalput Reformatory are out o
lace when dealing with hardened adult criminals who comprise the
ajority of the inmates of State Jails. In the Chengalput Reforma-
ory, a Christian Chapel, a Hindu Temple and a Muhommedan Mosque are
rected within the premises for the use of the various sects of -
upils, and teachers are appointed to impart religious instructior
ith the aid of the Bible, the Quran etc,. The pupils say their
rayers regularly in their respective places of worship with a tea
her to lead them. There is no special syllabus but the general
rinciples of each religion are taught little by little with the a
f short stories from the Bible, Puranas etc,. The boys are kept
lly engaged during week days by giving them work in classes prov
ing for general literary instruction for 2½ hours daily and in -
ndustrial classes for 6 hours daily. It is obvious that these -
ethods will not answer satisfactorily in the case of the majority
f adult criminals in Jails.

The first condition for successful religious and moral ins-
uction in the case of adults, whether criminals or not, is that
tendance should be made voluntary and not enforced on pain of
nishment. Inducements may, however, be offered for ensuring as
rge an attendance as possible. Also the inmates of Jails should
eated more as a congregation met for religious service or practi-
l worship than as a class assembled for instruction. The teacher

should also be men of sufficient weight and respectability to be able to command the reverence due to a religious teacher rath than the grudging obedience given to a Government employed who is paid to give religious or moral instruction.

It appears to me that the following scheme may answer the purposes laid down by Government in their review of the Administration Report of Jails and Lock-ups for 1918-19.

(1) A Chapel, Mosque and Temple may be built within the prem ses of each Jail for the use of the various sects and placed und the control of the Muzrai Department for the purpose of appoin ing suitable religious teachers and worshippers on sufficiently high salaries.

(2) Church services in Chapels, the reading of Puranas like the Mahabharata, Ramayana, etc., in the Temples and the reading and recitation of the Quran etc.,-in the Mosques should form a principal feature.

(3) Attendance at all these religious services should be vol tary, but the Criminals who attend regularly may be permitted to - count the hours spent in religious worship as part of their daily labour; and such of the convicts as are able to show uniformly - good attendance and good conduct may be allowed a remission of a short period of imprisonment.

(4) Facilities may be given for the creation of flower garde in connection with the Hindu Temples and for the suitable decorations of Churches and Mosques as these are powerful agencies for influe cing the minds of the adult criminals and teaching them devotion. Work in this connection should also count towards daily labour.

(5) For such of the adult criminals as are able to read and write, a library of easy vernacular books may be provided. Adult classes for general instruction may also be opened but the attenda in all these classes should be on a voluntary basis. Illustrated news papers dealing with current topics, picture books and charts may also be provided and teachers of the adult classes may give the necessary explantions.

(6) As music and mental recreation have considerable influence in reclaiming men from criminal tendencies, every facility should be given for Bhajanas and Music parties, both as a part of daily routine and on special occasions.

I am of opinion that the organisation of all ~~these~~ these measures should be entrusted to an outside agency like the Muzrai Department if they are to produce full beneficial results.

If a reference to English Literature is permissible in this connection, it would, perhaps, not be out of place to refer to two chapters in Goldsmith's Vicar of Wakefield with his heading "A reformation in the Jail - To make laws complete, they should reward as well as punish", as indicating the direction in which all attempts for the reclamation of adult criminals should be based.

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H.B. Mythreyan

Offg. Inspector-General of Prison

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No. 91803

To

The S. P. & Prisons

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No 1892/150-19 dt. 22/23.12.2 re the reclamation & ~~[illegible]~~ adult criminals in the State jails. I am directed to request that a copy of the previous correspondence between you and the S. P. & Education and also a copy of

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his Office letter No. 2510
& 2nd Aug: 1920 may be
overlooked, as the papers of this
subject have been ~~missing~~ misplaced

I have etc.
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for Secy to Govt
Rev: Deptt.

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No. 484/150-19 Enc: 13.

OFFICE OF THE INSPTR.-GEN. OF PRISONS
IN MYSORE,

Dated Bangalore 29 March 1921 1913

FROM

Dr. H. B. Mylvaganam, F.R.C.S., (Eng)

Inspector-General of Prisons

in Mysore, Bangalore.

To

B. Ramaswamaiya Esqr., B.A., B.L.,

Secretary to the Government of H. H. the

Maharaja of Mysore, Revenue Department

Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.G. 18033/Pris dated 24th March 1921, I have the honor to forward herewith in original the file of previous correspondence between this Office and the Inspector-General of Education, regarding the reclamation of adult criminals in the State Jails together with a copy of your letter No. G. 2510 dated 2nd August 1920 and to request that you will be so good as to return the original file when it is no longer required.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

S. Elmwalla

for Offg. Inspector-General of Prisons.

From

The Insptr.-Gen. of Prisons

in Mysore, Bangalore.

To

The Secretary to the Government of H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore
Revenue Department
Bangalore.

Dated } 29th March 1921
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Enclosure No. 13.

Forwards in original the file of correspondence between this office and the D.G. of Education in Mysore, in re the reclamation of adult criminals in the State jails as called for, and requests to return the original file when the same is no longer required.

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Letter No.G. 2510/Pris dated 2nd August 1920 from the Chief Secretary to the Government of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore, to the Inspector-General of Prisons in Mysore, Bangalore.

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With reference to your letter No.927/150-19 dated the 26th June 1920 forwarding copies of correspondence between the Inspector-General of Education and the Superintendent of the Reformatory School at Chingleput, I am directed to invite ~~@@@@~~ reference to para 8 of Government Order No. G. 5716-29/Pris 73-12-4 dated the 4th September 1919 regarding the reclamation of adult criminals and to request that the question may be further pursued and some suitable arrangement arrived at, in consultation with the Inspector-General of Education.

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Inspector-General of Prisons.

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SUBJECT..

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No. 72152 Pris

Date of issue 28/10/21

Signed by W. Cas

To

The D.G. of Pris

Sir,

I am directed to return herewith the original file of correspondence received with your letter no: 484/150-CG dt 29.3.21.

Thank ye

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